

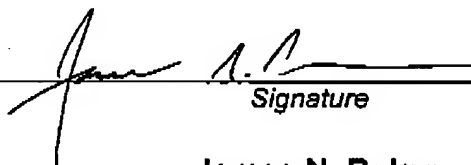
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**FOR: HEAT PUMP TYPE DRYING APPARATUS, DRYING APPARATUS, AND DRYING METHOD**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.